



Pre-Season
Football
at
Springfield Park
August 1981

WIGAN ATHLETIC WELCOMES



Saturday 1st August
Kick-off 2 p.m.

BANGOR
(Irish League)

Saturday 8th August
Kick-off 3 p.m.

SWANSEA
CITY

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 20p

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Welcome to **BANGOR** FOOTBALL CLUB

TWO YEARS ago we were privileged to welcome the Cliftonville Football Club to Springfield Park, and today we have the opportunity to further strengthen the bonds of friendship between ourselves and football enthusiasts across the water, with a visit from the officials and players of the Bangor Football Club.

"The Super Seaside", a part-time professional club organisation, have the ambition of qualifying for European competition as their immediate goal, and, through a playing structure that boasts three teams, the club is well-positioned to improve upon last year's disappointment in finishing in the lower reaches of the Irish League. A great deal of emphasis is placed upon the Bangor club's close contact with Schools' and Youth Football, with several of their players having represented their country at varying levels of competition.

Club Chairman Mr. J. Apperson is President of the Irish League, and an immediate past-President, and serving member of the Inter-League Board, the body that safeguards the interests of all English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh Football League clubs. Secretary Gifford McConkey and Treasurer Trevor Magee maintain close links with the Irish Schools F.A. Tour organiser Mr. V. C. Haslett wears many hats, serving as Vice-Chairman, Commercial Manager, Public Relations Officer and Programme Editor. The Bangor Football Club programme is regularly put together by the Haslett family as a whole and has gained second prize, in all Ireland, during the last three seasons. Manager Bertie Neill rejoined the club last season, having previously gained experience with Tottenham Hotspur, to add to the knowledge gained at Clondeboye Park, Bangor, several years previously.

Among the players to have served the Bangor Football Club in years past are several who made a name for themselves in English League Football — Terry Neill (now manager of Arsenal), Gerry Armstrong (ex. Spurs and Watford), and Billy Irwin (ex. Cardiff City and Washington Diplomats). There are, of course, connections between Wigan Athletic and the Bangor Football Club. Not only have we recently acquired Tony Frazer as an Apprentice Professional from Northern Ireland, but Billy Hanna, a former Bangor player, having moved on to Blackpool, later played at centre-half for "Latics", before and after the Second World War. Bill married a Wigan girl, and after gaining managerial experience with Wigan Athletic and Horwich, he returned home to manage Bangor. He, it was, who transferred Terry Neill to Arsenal.

Of the current squad of players who grace the Bangor colours, there is a fine blend of experience and youth. Andy Dougan and Peter Dickinson both acquired extensive European experience with their former club, Glentoran, Irish League Champions. Tom Kennedy has represented the Irish League, while Martin McBride and Francis Smith gained experience with Burnley and Sheffield Wednesday respectively. Jim Millar, Stephen Milburn and Brian McVeigh have attracted a great deal of attention, as a result of their top quality performances.

Although it did not prove possible for the English F.A. to proceed with the international fixture last season, Wigan Athletic, for their part, are delighted to maintain friendly contact with a part of the United Kingdom that has had more than its fair share of troubles in recent times. We trust that today's visitors will enjoy their short stay in Lancashire, and we wish them a safe and eventful journey home tonight.

THE SUPER SEASIDERS



FIRST TEAM SQUAD



RESERVE TEAM SQUAD



YOUTH TEAM SQUAD

BANGOR

(Yellow Shirts)

Selected from:

DAVID ANDERSON
MARTIN McBRIDE
HARRY WILKINSON
JIM MILLAR
PETER KILBURN
ANDY DOUGAN
GARY REID
FRANCIS SMITH
PETER DICKINSON
DAVID BROWN
STEPHEN MILBURN
JIM McFERRAN
TOM KENNEDY
BRIAN McVEIGH
WILLIE WALKER

WIGAN ATHLETIC

(Royal Blue and White Stripes)

Selected from:

BOB WARD
JOHN BROWN
JOHN McMAHON
STEVE McADAM
ALEX CRIBLEY
LARRY LLOYD
COLIN METHVEN
NEIL DAVIDS
GRAHAM BARROW
CLIVE EVANS
DAVID GLENN
MIKE QUINN
LES BRADD
PETER HOUGHTON
MARK WIGNALL
JEFF WRIGHT
PETER COYNE
KEVIN SHELDON

SWANSEA CITY

(White Shirts)

Selected from:

DAVE STEWART
DAI DAVIES
BRIAN ATTLEY
DZEMAL HADZIABDIC
JOHN MAHONEY
NIGEL STEVENSON
DUDLEY LEWIS
DAVID GILES
ROBBIE JAMES
LEIGHTON JAMES
JEREMY CHARLES
NEIL ROBINSON
TOMMY CRAIG
DAVE RUSHBURY
ALAN CURTIS
WYNDHAM EVANS
ANTE RAJKOVIC
BOB LATCHFORD

MATCH OFFICIALS

WIGAN ATHLETIC

-v- BANGOR

Referee: Mr. J. B. Worrall
(Warrington)

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. R. H. Andrews
(Warrington)

Yellow Flag: Mr. J. B. Robinson
(Wigan)

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MATCH OFFICIALS

WIGAN ATHLETIC

-v- SWANSEA CITY

Referee: Mr. N. H. Glover
(Adlington)

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. L. J. Kelly
(St. Helens)

Yellow Flag: Mr. P. Newton
(Warrington)

Welcome to SWANSEA CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

THE WIGAN Athletic Football Club is very fortunate to have the attraction of such illustrious pre-season opponents as the Swansea City Football Club. When one considers that at the commencement of the 1973-1974 Season "The Swans" were looking forward somewhat apprehensively to a Fourth Division campaign, one can readily appreciate the euphoria that surrounds the Vetch Field, Swansea, today, as the proud Welsh club prepare for their first-ever season in the First Division of the Football League.

After surviving an application for re-election at the end of the 1974-1975 Season, Swansea City have gone from strength to strength, progressing from the Fourth Division to the Second Division in successive seasons (1977-1978 and 1978-1979). After just two seasons in the Second Division "The Swans" clinched promotion to the First Division of the English Football League last Spring, emphasising the progress made by Welsh clubs over the past decade. Under the managership of John Toshack, development has been rapid and exciting. Spectators have revelled in the skills of established international players, and all the fervour of Celtic enthusiasm has been put behind the white-shirted heroes on the field of play and the shrewd expertise of a forward-looking and positive Board of Directors. With the First Division and Europe beckoning, the season cannot begin soon enough for loyal supporters.

There are already early indications that Swansea City are not just going along for the ride in exalted company, and such established names as Ian Callaghan and Leighton Phillips have been rapidly replaced by two equally well-known men of international calibre — Dai Davies, the most-capped Welsh international goalkeeper, and Bob

Latchford, a striker successful at both First Division and International levels over the past ten years. Competition for places at the Vetch Field will be intense this season, and First Division crowds will thrill to the fine attacking skills of the positive Swansea City Football Club.

We wish our visitors every success, not only in the immediate twelve months that lie ahead, but also in the future when the club may yet again experience the vagaries that make the game of football the strange and unpredictable force that it is. Certainly, after all the hard work, we hope that our friends from Wales will savour and enjoy their moments of glory.

"SWANS" Personalities

JOHN TOSHACK (Player/Manager)
Arrived at Swansea during the latter half of the 1977-78 season.

He joined Cardiff City upon leaving school and played for them in the Second Division while still a youth, and after scoring many goals was transferred to Liverpool. His record at Liverpool is world-wide news. He is the holder of League Championship Medals, European Cup Winners Medals — you name it, "Tosh" has it. Capped on many occasions for Wales.

TOMMY CRAIG
Height 5ft. 8ins., weight 11st. 7lbs. Midfield player in Scottish League for Aberdeen before transferring to Sheffield Wednesday for a £100,000 fee in 1968. He was then transferred to

Newcastle United for another large fee in 1975 and joined Aston Villa in 1977. Joined the "Swans" in a £150,000 transfer. Is a Scottish international.

WYNDHAM EVANS

Height 5ft. 9½ins., weight 12st. 6½lbs. The Club's Senior Professional. Full back. Born in the Rugby stronghold of Llanelli, signed as a full-time pro. in 1970 after serving one season as a part-timer. He qualified as an engineer before taking up the game on a full-time basis. Gives one hundred per cent effort and now has the chance of adding First Division experience to that gained at Fourth, Third and Second Division level.

JOHN MAHONEY

Height 5ft. 8ins., weight 11st. 2lbs. Midfield. Current Welsh International with 47 caps to date. Started his career with Crewe where he spent two years before transferring to Stoke City. He was at Stoke for ten years and played over 300 games for them before moving to Middlesbrough for a very large fee and played nearly a hundred matches for them. He was transferred to the Swans during the close season, 1978. Has the reputation of being a player with beautiful skills, inexhaustible reserves of stamina and rocking finishing.

ALAN CURTIS

Age 27, height 5ft. 11ins., weight 12st. 3lbs. Striker. After joining Swansea straight from school, Rhondda-born Curtis played a major role in helping Swansea into the Second Division before moving to Leeds United for £350,000. Returned to Swansea and Alan is now looking forward to playing in the First Division once more Welsh International.

DZEMAL HADZIABDIC

Age 28, height 5ft. 9ins., weight 10st. 12lbs. Left Full-Back. Signed from Yugoslav club Velez Mostar in August 1980. Played 27 times for Yugoslavia and quickly became a big favourite with the crowd after joining Swansea. Missed

voted Player of the Year. Known to his teammates as Jimmy.

ANTE RAJKOVIC

Age 29, height 5ft., weight 12st. 7lbs. Defender. Strong centre-back who followed Hadziabdic from Yugoslavia to Swansea. Signed from Sarajevo in February 1981. Was very unfortunate with injury last season and played only a couple of games but manager John Toshack has high hopes of Ante this term. Yugoslav International.

BOB LATCHFORD

Age 30, height 5ft., weight 13st. 7lbs. He began his career with Birmingham City, and his league debut was in 1968-1969. Bob was also honoured at Youth level and won six Under-23 caps. He played for England on twelve occasions. In 1974 Bob was transferred for a fee of £350,000 from Birmingham City to Everton. Bob was top-scorer in each of his first five completed seasons for Everton. His best scoring season for Everton was 1977-1978 when he hit 32 and picked up a £10,000 newspaper award for becoming the first man to top the 30 mark in the First Division for six years. Bob joined Swansea from Everton in July 1981 and we hope he will form an effective strike force with our other forwards.

DAVID DAVIES

Age 33, height 5ft. 1½ins., weight 13st. 12lbs. Dai was born in Ammanford and is Welsh speaking. He began his footballing career at Swansea and then moved to Everton. Dai joined Wrexham in September 1977 and has been the number one choice for Wales for several years. On 16th May, 1981, at the Vetch Field, he captained Wales in the Wales -v- Scotland match and on the same day, broke the record held by former Wales goalkeeper Jack Kelsey (41 caps) by gaining his 42nd. At present Dai holds the record of being the most capped Welsh International goalkeeper with 44 caps. He now joins five of his Welsh International team-mates at the Vetch, only a handful of games last season and was



SWANSEA CITY F.C. — Season 1980-1981 (Left to Right) Back Row: Wyndham Evans, David Giles, Glyn Letheren, David Stewart, Brian Attley. Middle Row: Terry Medwin (Asst. Man.), Leighton James, John Mahoney, Chris Marusik, Alan Waddle, Nigel Stevenson, Neil Robinson, Phil Boersma (Trainer Coach). Front Row: Ian Callaghan, Tommy Craig, Leighton Phillips, John Toshack (Player Manager), Jeremy Charles, Robbie James, Dave Rushbury.

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